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Applicant(s) : Charles R. Allen
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicant submits this Preliminary Amendment in conjunction with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination. Before considering the present application further on its merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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